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Dear Dr. Bernstein:

I am pleased to be able to tender a formal award of the assistantship in this Department for which you have been applying, as we have now received notice of our budget allocations, on the one hand, and letters from your referees on the other. This award is contingent on your admissibility to the Graduate School, of which I have no doubt whatever, and of course on the perfection of your own arrangements for travel, passports, visas, etc. In order that we may close the appointment, I would appreciate your returning a formal acceptance in the same terms. The stated (minimum) stipend will be \$1,150 for the academic year (Sept. 17 \pm 3 to mid-June) less basic tuition fees. These have been established at \$120 per annum, but I fear will be increased by the current session of the State Legislature. Your first paycheck will not be available until October 15, I regret to have to warn you. If necessary special arrangements can be made to meet any urgent contingencies.

If there are any special reasons why it might be preferable for you to start here at an earlier date, this is open for discussion. However, Wisconsin summers are not very pleasant and I fear you would make a poor first impression if you came in July or August.

The Graduate School will be sending you its own application form. If you would prefer to send it to me, I will be glad to forward it with any minor annotations. They will require a formal transcript of academic record from each of your academic institutions. If any references are needed (I do not recall) I will be glad to forward those sent me.

I am not well-informed on such matters, but I understand that it might avoid considerable later inconvenience (with respect to extra employment or a prolongation of your visit) if you apply now for a regular immigrant visa. I do not know what special difficulties apply to these now, but understand that the quota from the UK is scarcely filled. If any certification or other arrangements are needed from this side, please let me know.

Your chief mentions that you have been working with E. coli O55B4 and O111B5. Mrs. Lederberg has recently screened a large number of these strains, and has a few that are intercrossable with K-12. We hope to ~~xxx~~ be able to separate the O and K antigens by genetic recombination, if they are indeed distinct. Under separate cover, I am sending a number of reprints from which you may get a better idea of the work we have been doing. Some of these, as marked, are all but complete gone and I would appreciate their eventual return—next September will be soon enough. Within the past two years we have been much more deeply involved with immunogenetic problems, but this work has only begun to appear in print.

You will, I am sure, send me advance notice of your travel plans— I will be happy to do whatever I can to facilitate your transfer.

With my sincere best wishes for a fruitful association,

Yours,

